

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

- A. Please replace the first paragraph of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application claims benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/426,830 entitled "Methods for Decoding Corrupt JPEG2000 Codestreams" filed on November 15, 2002, and to International Application No. PCT/US03/36213, filed on November 15, 2003, the entire contents of which are incorporated by reference.

- B. Please insert the following new paragraph before the Background of the Invention and after the Cross-Reference to Related Applications:

**U.S. GOVERNMENT RIGHTS**

This invention was made with Federal Government support under Contract Number CCR-9979310 awarded by the National Science Foundation. The Federal Government has certain rights in the invention.